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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: STATEWIDE RAPID RESPONSE ROUNDTABLE

This information bulletin alerts you about a statewide Rapid Response Roundtable meeting, scheduled for December 4-6, 2001, at the Riviera Hotel in Palm Springs.

This meeting is being organized by local Rapid Response practitioners from the San Francisco bay area and southern California who conduct quarterly roundtables in their areas to coordinate local delivery of Rapid Response services to employers and workers facing dislocations.

Support is being provided by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), the Employment Development Department's (EDD) Regional Advisors and other EDD partners, and the California Workforce Association (CWA). The DOL, Region VI, is expected to provide the federal Rapid Response perspective; significant participation by staff of the other supporting agencies is anticipated.

We feel that this statewide Roundtable will provide an excellent opportunity for Rapid Response practitioners from throughout the State to share experiences, viewpoints, and best practices, as well as to identify problem areas.

Examples of the diverse topics to be covered: The WARN notices, marketing, layoff aversion, "Red Teams," effective linkages with commercial outplacement services, NAFTA-TAA, and coordination of rapid response activities with new federal pension portability requirements.

Participants may register via the CWA Web site (www.calworkforce.org). Click on "Special Events." There will also be late registration on-site, but only on a space-available basis. Roundtable check-in will begin at 9 a.m. on December 4, and the Welcome and Keynote will begin at 1:30 p.m. A \$75 fee will cover the cost of seminars and materials. The CWA Web site also includes information about hotel room reservations, which will need to be made separately.

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